

1 **Amendment to the Claims**

2 **In the Claims:**

3 Please cancel Claim 12.

4 Please amend Claims 1 - 3, 7, 10, 11, 13, and 23 as follows.

5 1. (Currently Amended) A method for validating information in an electronic document,  
6 comprising the steps of:

7 identifying a string having a unique identifier associated with the string;

8 creating a request for information ~~requesting information~~ associated with the unique  
9 identifier;

10 selecting a reference material source that contains the information associated with the  
11 unique identifier;

12 accessing the selected reference material source to obtain the information associated  
13 with the unique identifier; and

14 comparing the information associated with the unique identifier to the string to  
15 determine whether the string is valid.

16 2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of comparing the  
17 information associated with the unique identifier to the string to determine whether the string is valid,  
18 comprises the steps of:

19 if the information associated with the unique identifier matches the string, then  
20 determining that the string is valid; and

21 otherwise, determining that the information associated with the unique identifier  
22 updates the string.

23 3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of identifying a string  
24 having a unique identifier associated with the string comprises the step of:

25 searching the electronic document for strings having unique identifiers when the  
26 electronic document is opened.

27 4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is a name and the selected reference  
28 material source is an address book.

29 5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is an address and the selected  
30 reference material source is an address book.

1           6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the string is a value associated with a stock  
2 symbol and the selected reference material source is a real time stock quote.

3           7. (Currently Amended) A method for providing reference material, comprising the steps of:  
4                 receiving a request for selected reference material;  
5                 determining that an identity of a user is relevant to the selected reference material;  
6                 creating a request for information requesting the selected reference material and  
7 identifying the user;  
8                 selecting a reference material source based upon the request for information;  
9                 accessing the selected reference material source to obtain the selected reference  
10 material; and  
11                 providing the selected reference material in a manner that is relevant to the identified  
12 user.

13           8. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein the selected reference material is a set of  
14 directions and wherein providing the selected reference material comprises:  
15                 providing the set of directions so that the directions begin with the identified user's  
16 location.

17           9. (Original) The method of Claim 7, wherein the selected reference material source is one of  
18 a plurality of reference material sources, and at least one of the reference material sources is a remote  
19 server.

20           10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, ~~wherein~~ further comprising the step of  
21 accessing the selected reference material source ~~is accessed~~ via a network.

22           11. (Currently Amended) A system for integrating reference material into an electronic  
23 document, comprising:

24                 an application program for creating the electronic document and creating a request for  
25 information to obtain selected reference material, wherein the electronic document comprises a string  
26 having a unique identifier associated with the string, and wherein the request for information  
27 comprises the unique identifier;

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1 a reference engine for receiving the request for information from the application  
2 program, selecting one of a plurality of reference material sources based upon the request for  
3 information, and accessing the selected reference material source to obtain the selected reference  
4 material; and

5 the plurality of reference material sources for providing the reference material.

6 12. (Cancelled)

7 13. (Currently Amended) The system of Claim ~~42~~11, wherein the application program  
8 compares the selected reference material with the string to determine whether the string is valid.

9 14. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein a user's identity is relevant to the request for  
10 information, and wherein the request for information comprises an identifier for the user.

11 15. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein the request for information includes a  
12 selected word and a request for a definition of the word.

13 16. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein the application program is a word  
14 processing program having a selected language, and wherein the request for information comprises  
15 an identifier for the selected language.

16 17. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material  
17 sources is a dictionary in a first language and another one of the plurality of reference material  
18 sources is a dictionary in a second language.

19 18. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material  
20 sources is an address book associated with an electronic mail application program.

21 19. (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein the request for information comprises a  
22 unique identifier associated with an entry in the address book, and wherein the reference engine  
23 selects the address book as the selected reference material source based upon the unique identifier.

24 20. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein the request for information comprises key  
25 words summarizing the content of the electronic document.

26 21. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material  
27 sources is a remote server.

28 22. (Original) The system of Claim 11, wherein one of the plurality of reference material  
29 sources is accessed via a network.

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1           23. (Currently Amended) A method for integrating a dictionary into an application program,  
2 comprising the steps of:

3                   in response to a selection of a dictionary control provided by the application program,  
4 displaying a dictionary interface on a display device;  
5                   receiving a request for a selected word;  
6                   creating a request for a definition of the selected word;  
7                   based upon the request for a definition, selecting a dictionary file;  
8                   accessing the dictionary file to obtain the definition of the selected word; and  
9                   providing the definition of the selected word so that the definition is displayed in the  
10 dictionary interface.

11           24. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein receiving a request for a selected word  
12 comprises:

13                   receiving the selected word via the dictionary interface.

14           25. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein the dictionary interface includes a language  
15 control and wherein receiving a request for a selected word comprises:

16                   receiving a selected language via the dictionary interface.

17           26. (Original) The method of Claim 23, wherein the dictionary interface includes a language  
18 control and wherein selecting a dictionary file comprises:

19                   selecting a dictionary file associated with a language specified by the language  
20 control.